

HOUSE RESOLUTION 189  
By Patton

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Reverend and Mrs. Roy J. Cooper on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 1952, Roy. J. Cooper and Edna Wiseman were joined in holy matrimony by the Reverend George W. Phelps, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend and Mrs. Cooper have been highly respected citizens of the Johnson City community for many years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, Roy. J. Cooper had been the owner and operator of Cooper's Garage, and had been employed by Lyons Machine Shop and the Accurate Machine Shop, in which positions he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; he retired after 40 years of pastoral work, having served churches in Tennessee and North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cooper, an exemplary wife and mother, is retired from her astute years of service with the Johnson City Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced three children, each of whom has excelled in his or her particular field of endeavor; the Coopers' children are Jane Ann Williams, Shirley Sutphin, and Jim Cooper; and

WHEREAS, the Coopers are also the proud grandparents of four granddaughters and one great-grandson; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Cooper's are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and congratulate the Reverend and Mrs. Roy J. Cooper on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.